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diseased animals and to have rules and regulations regarding that, I'm wondering what those rules and regs say. Or do you think they've not been promulgated?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Bromm, we can get them. I don't have them at my disposal...

SENATOR BROMM: Okay.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...right now.

SENATOR BROMM: All right. We'll try to get those. I would...I would just say that I think that you have a reasonable suggestion here by Senator Coordsen. I think that it's...it is workable. I don't think it's asking too much. We've gone all these years without this language in the statute, with a statute that gives the commission authority to take wildlife for these purposes, and the right to promulgate rules and regs. And I...if we're going to go this far in spelling out additional...what must be additional powers that they don't have under the rules and regs, then I think it's reasonable to put in this safeguard. They can do it with a phone call, if they can't get permission. And so I would suggest that we adopt the Coordsen amendment and move on. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I understand the need for Game and Parks' staff to be able to access wildlife on private property, and I'm also aware that private landowners are wary, to say the least, of this proposal, and understandably. Whenever we are granting government the authority to enter private property, we should expect that property owners are likely to be...to feel violated. The question before us, I think, is whether the ability to access private property for wildlife management purposes is a compelling public purpose and whether we believe the commission could accomplish these objectives through cooperation with, and negotiation with, private landowners. Recently the commission conducted a management hunt in northwest Nebraska in order to